



# 2005-06 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT SUPPLEMENT

## Region 05

## I.S. 311

### ESSENCE SCHOOL

New York City Public Schools  
Joel I. Klein, Chancellor

Grade Levels:

Students on Oct. 31, 2005: 262

Students on May 1, 2006:

#### School Mission Statement

*Our School strives and expands the "essence" of each student, celebrating and embracing the uniqueness and potential of all members of our school community. Our philosophy rests on providing a supportive and caring community dedicated to nonviolence and tolerance. We empower students to explore, take risks, cultivate interests and flourish both as students and as human beings. We believe that this can only happen in a community that involves the entire family.*

*In a rigorous academic environment, we continually challenge students while respecting diverse learning styles and incorporating interactive experiences. We strive to equip both general and special education populations with the tools to succeed well beyond their time at The Essence School.*

#### Principal's Statement

The school is based on three major beliefs: children will be immersed in an interactive learning community that develops and expands all of their human potential, school is a place for the entire family, and all students have the potential to learn in an integrative model for general and special education populations. Curriculum will be designed and implemented by instructional teams. The key program components will be: Literacy and Math, interactive curriculum exploration, an advisory program, technology as a learning tool, families as learning partners, and traditional and non-traditional assessment.

#### Special Academic Programs

Each student will have the opportunity to spend additional time in a small group environment in order to complete projects, receive assistance in troubled areas or explore a new independent investigation. We have Chorus, Drama, Cooking and Dance as part of our Creative Arts requirements.

#### Extracurricular Activities

We believe in using our surroundings to educate. We sponsor overnight trips to an environmental center, organize theater groups with students and parents, and schedule several trips outside of the city. We also have Regents Math "A" classes, Guitar Club, Ujima Garden project and an Art Portfolio Program.

#### Community Support

We are supported by New Visions for Public Education. We work closely with Institute for Community Living(ICL). We, also,formed a partnership with Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation(DTCC). They have worked in career development, sponsored and participated in numerous parent and student events throught the school year.

#### Parent/School Support

The parents have not only entrusted their children with us, but have also entrusted another most precious commodity - their time. "The Family Lodge" activities are designed to actively engage families as partners. "The Family Lodge", unique to our school, was created based on one of our major beliefs, that school is a place for the entire family.

#### 2006-07 School Accountability Status:

In Good Standing

#### This school received Title I Funding in:

2004-05: YES; 2005-06: YES; 2006-07: YES

The Division of Assessment and Accountability (DAA) compiled this report primarily from central databases and information provided by this school's principal. Throughout the report, N/A indicates that information was not available or did not apply to this school. The 2005-2006 Annual School Report is a supplement to the New York State Education Department's School Report Card for New York City Schools. Consult the Parent Guide for an explanation of the data in this report. Other DAA reports can be obtained online at [www.nyc.gov/daa](http://www.nyc.gov/daa).

# STUDENTS

## Involved In Police Department Incidents

The total enrollment in this consolidated location is 262 students. Please keep this number in mind as you review the numbers of incidents.

	This school	Consolidated Locations	Similar Size schools
Major Crimes			
Property Crimes		1	0.4
Crimes Against Persons		1	0.1
Other Crimes		1	1.7
Non- Criminal		3	2.9

No separate data is available for this school. Multiple schools are found at a single address, and the incident data have been consolidated so that the same data are reported for all those schools. These schools are included in this consolidated location: PS 190 SHEFFIELD|ESSENCE SCHOOL, Similar-Sized Schools include all schools and consolidated locations with enrollments of 501-750 students

<http://schools.nyc.gov/ourschools/schoolsafety.htm>

## Recent Immigrants\*

Percent of enrollment	2004	2005	2006
This school	1.4	1.9	0.8
Similar schools	9.5	8.8	7.1
City schools	9.1	8.1	6.3

\* Students enrolled as of Oct. 31, 2005 who immigrated to the U.S. within the last three years.

## Recent Immigrants' Place of Birth

Percent of students	2006
NIGERIA	0.4
ST VINCENT & GRENADINES	0.4

## Profile of Entering Ninth and Tenth Graders\*

Characteristics	This School	Similar Schools	City Schools
	Percent	Percent	Percent
Gender			
Male	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	N/A	N/A	N/A
Part-time Special Education	N/A	N/A	N/A
Full-time Special Education	N/A	N/A	N/A
ELL	N/A	N/A	N/A
Over-age for grade	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent eligible for free lunch	N/A	N/A	N/A
Avg. daily attend. during prior sem.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent meeting standard in:			
ELA (tested only)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics (tested only)	N/A	N/A	N/A

\* This information is for the students who were on register as new 9th and 10th graders on October 31, 2005 and came from another school.

\* Not applicable to elementary and middle schools

## Admission to Other Schools in September 2005

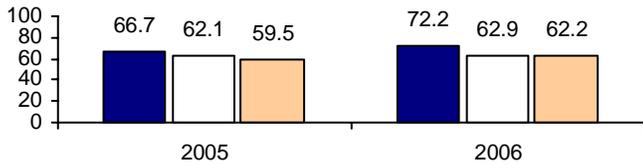
School Name	Boro	District	School Number	Leavers*	
				Number	Percent
TRANSIT TECH CAREER AND T K		19	615	4	5.8
BENJAMIN BANNEKER ACADE K		13	670	3	4.3
BROOKLYN HIGH SCHOOL OF K		15	656	3	4.3

\* Leavers are students who left their school for any reason.

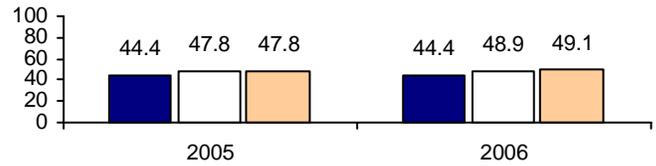
# SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

## TEACHERS

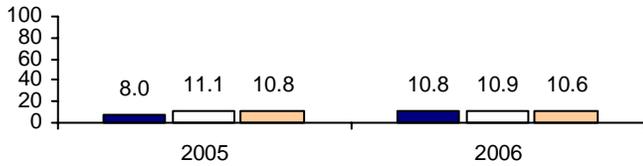
**Percent More Than Two Years Teaching in This School**



**Percent More Than Five Years Teaching Anywhere**



**Average Days Absent**



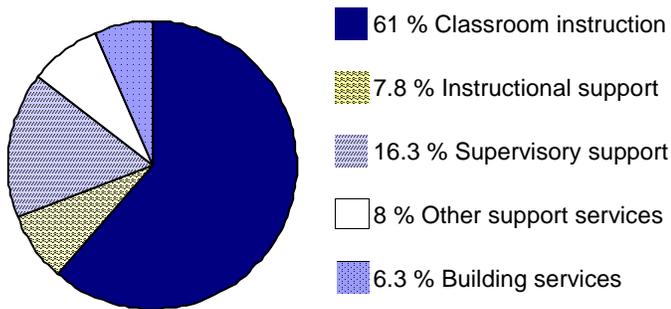
## SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

**Average Spending Per Student (Direct Services Only)**

	2004	2005	2006
This school	\$12,171	\$12,382	N/A
Similar schools	\$10,945	\$11,966	N/A
City schools	\$10,679	\$11,747	N/A

Note: The state calculation of school expenditures per student for direct and indirect services in 2004 was \$12,896 for all New York City schools. An average of \$13,085 was calculated for all New York State schools including those in New York City.

**How money was spent in this school in 2005 (Direct Services Only)**



0.5 % is used for District Support.

## OTHER SCHOOL INFORMATION

**School Capacity**

Percent of utilization*	2004	2005	2006
This school	64.3	59.6	67.9
Similar schools	85.1	82.7	80.2
City schools	85.8	82.4	79.9

\*When over 100%, school has exceeded official capacity.